

harmful school policies and educational curricula affecting their children to “domestic terrorism and hate crimes” against school boards, administrators, and teachers; and

(2) requested that the President use Federal law enforcement resources and legal authorities designed to address domestic terrorism, such as the authorities provided by the USA PATRIOT Act (Public Law 107-56; 115 Stat. 272), to investigate and prosecute parents who protest against such policies and curricula;

Whereas, in response to such letter, United States Attorney General Merrick Garland issued a memorandum, dated October 4, 2021, directing Federal law enforcement resources to be used to discourage, investigate, and prosecute parents engaged in such demonstrations and protests; and

Whereas parents should be at the forefront of the decisions affecting the education and well-being of their children, and school boards, school administrators, and teachers should work collaboratively with parents to improve educational outcomes rather than treat parents as intruders in the education of their children: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) supports the right of parents to be the leading voice in the education of their children;

(2) condemns threats and acts of violence against school board officials, school administrators, and teachers;

(3) denounces attempts by school board officials, school administrators, and teachers to restrict parental involvement in the development and implementation of school policies and educational curricula affecting their children;

(4) rejects the threatened or actual use of Federal or State law enforcement resources to intimidate parents and silence parental involvement in decisions affecting the education of their children;

(5) encourages schools and parents to enter into constructive and open dialogue regarding school policies, curricula, and instructional materials to improve the educational outcomes of all students; and

(6) demands Attorney General Merrick Garland rescind the memorandum issued on October 4, 2021, that inappropriately directs Federal law enforcement resources to be used against parents advocating on behalf of their children against harmful school policies, curricula, and instructional materials.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 432—RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2021 AS FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH AND CELEBRATING THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF FILIPINO AMERICANS AND THEIR IMMENSE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED STATES

Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KAINE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. REED, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. SMITH, and Ms. WARREN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

##### S. RES. 432

Whereas the earliest documented Filipino presence in the continental United States was October 18, 1587, when the first “Luzones Indios” arrived in Morro Bay, California, on board the Nuestra Señora de Esperanza, a Manila-built galleon ship;

Whereas the Filipino American National Historical Society recognizes 1763 as the year in which the first permanent Filipino settlement in the United States was established in St. Malo, Louisiana;

Whereas the recognition of the first permanent Filipino settlement in the United States adds a new perspective to the history of the United States by bringing attention to the economic, cultural, social, and other notable contributions made by Filipino Americans to the development of the United States;

Whereas the Filipino American community is the third largest Asian American and Pacific Islander group in the United States, with a population of approximately 4,100,000;

Whereas, from the Civil War to the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts, Filipinos and Filipino Americans have a longstanding history of serving in the Armed Forces of the United States;

Whereas more than 250,000 Filipinos fought under the United States flag during World War II to protect and defend the United States in the Pacific theater;

Whereas a guarantee to pay back the service of Filipinos through veterans benefits was reversed by the First Supplemental Surplus Appropriation Rescission Act, 1946 (Public Law 79-301; 60 Stat. 6) and the Second Supplemental Surplus Appropriation Rescission Act, 1946 (Public Law 79-391; 60 Stat. 221), which provided that the wartime service of members of the Commonwealth Army of the Philippines and the new Philippine Scouts shall not be deemed to have been active service, and, therefore, those members did not qualify for certain benefits;

Whereas 26,000 Filipino World War II veterans were granted United States citizenship as a result of the Immigration Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-649; 104 Stat. 4978), which was signed into law by President George H.W. Bush on November 29, 1990;

Whereas, on February 17, 2009, President Barack Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5; 123 Stat. 115), which established the Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund to compensate Filipino World War II veterans for their service to the United States;

Whereas, since June 8, 2016, the Filipino World War II Veterans Parole Program has allowed Filipino World War II veterans and certain family members to be reunited more expeditiously than the immigrant visa process allowed at that time;

Whereas, on December 14, 2016, President Barack Obama signed into law the Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2015 (Public Law 114-265; 130 Stat. 1376) to award Filipino veterans who fought alongside troops of the United States in World War II the highest civilian honor bestowed by Congress;

Whereas, on October 25, 2017, the Congressional Gold Medal was presented to Filipino World War II veterans in Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Building, a recognition for which the veterans had waited for more than 70 years;

Whereas Filipino Americans have received the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest award for valor in action against an enemy force that may be bestowed on an individual serving in the Armed Forces, and continue to demonstrate a commendable sense of patriotism and honor in the Armed Forces;

Whereas the late Peter Aquino Aduja of Hawaii and the late Thelma Garcia Buchholdt of Alaska became the first Filipino American elected to public office and the first Filipina American elected to a legislature in the United States, respectively, inspiring their fellow Filipino Americans to

pursue public service in politics and government;

Whereas Filipino American farmworkers and labor leaders, such as Philip Vera Cruz and Larry Itllong, played an integral role in the multiethnic United Farm Workers movement, alongside Cesar Chávez, Dolores Huerta, and other Latino workers;

Whereas, on April 25, 2012, President Barack Obama nominated Lorna G. Schofield to be a United States District Judge for the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and she was confirmed by the Senate on December 13, 2012, to be the first Filipina American in United States history to serve as an Article III Federal judge;

Whereas Filipino Americans play an integral role on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic in the healthcare system of the United States as nurses, doctors, first responders, and other medical professionals;

Whereas Filipino Americans contribute greatly to music, dance, literature, education, business, journalism, sports, fashion, politics, government, science, technology, the fine arts, and other fields that enrich the United States;

Whereas, as mandated in the mission statement of the Filipino American National Historical Society, efforts should continue to promote the study of Filipino American history and culture because the roles of Filipino Americans and other people of color have largely been overlooked in the writing, teaching, and learning of the history of the United States;

Whereas it is imperative for Filipino American youth to have positive role models to instill—

(1) the significance of education, complemented by the richness of Filipino American ethnicity; and

(2) the value of the Filipino American legacy; and

Whereas it is essential to promote the understanding, education, and appreciation of the history and culture of Filipino Americans in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the celebration of Filipino American History Month in October 2021 as—

(A) a testament to the advancement of Filipino Americans;

(B) a time to reflect on and remember the many notable contributions that Filipino Americans have made to the United States; and

(C) a time to renew efforts toward the research and examination of history and culture so as to provide an opportunity for all people of the United States to learn more about Filipino Americans and to appreciate the historic contributions of Filipino Americans to the United States; and

(2) urges the people of the United States to observe Filipino American History Month with appropriate programs and activities.

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of Filipino American History Month. Throughout the month of October, people across the United States come together to pay tribute to the rich culture, history, and heritage of Filipino Americans.

Since the first permanent Filipino settlement in the United States was established more than 250 years ago, Filipino Americans have played a notable role in the development of our country. As the third largest Asian American and Pacific Islander group in the United States, Filipino Americans add to the fabric of our society through contributions in healthcare, the arts,

business, journalism, and in government and military service.

Filipinos and Filipino Americans have a longstanding history of serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. In 1915, Fireman Second Class Telesforo Trinidad was awarded the Medal of Honor for his extraordinary heroism in rescuing two shipmates after a boiler explosion on board the USS *San Diego*. He survived and continued serving during WWI and WWII until his retirement in 1945. Today, Telesforo Trinidad holds the distinction of being the first Filipino American and the first and only Asian American in the U.S. Navy to receive a Medal of Honor.

Filipino Americans have also contributed as leaders in important workers' rights and civil rights movements. In 1965, Larry Itliong, Peter Velasco, and Philip Vera Cruz led Filipino American farm workers to strike, demanding better pay, benefits, and working conditions. The Delano Grape Strike was one of the most pivotal civil rights and labor movements in American history.

Earlier this month, Maria Ressa, a Filipino-American journalist and author, became the first person born in the Philippines to win a Nobel Peace Prize. Maria, a "fearless defender of freedom of expression," was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for working to expose the abuses of power and growing authoritarianism in her native country. She also founded Rappler, a digital media company for investigative journalism that has documented how social media is spreading fake news and manipulating public views.

While Filipino American History Month is a time of celebration and commemoration, we must also recognize the disparate impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on communities of color, including the Filipino-American community. Approximately one in four Filipino-American adults serve as frontline healthcare workers. High representation in essential work and other socioeconomic factors like living in multigenerational homes, poverty, limited English proficiency, preexisting health conditions, and a lack of health insurance, put these communities at higher risk for COVID-19 transmission. As a result, Filipino-Americans comprise an estimated 32 percent of COVID-19 deaths among nurses despite representing only 4 percent of registered nurses nationwide. In spite of the emotional and physical toll of the pandemic on these frontline workers and their families, the Filipino-American community has continued to show its strength and resilience.

During Filipino American History Month, we reflect on the great sacrifices and contributions of generations of Filipino Americans who have helped to shape our Nation. This resolution reminds us that as the United States forges ahead, it is crucial to ensure that future generations can learn from and appreciate the legacies of Filipino

Americans, as well as other immigrants and people of color.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 433—EX-PRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF OCTOBER 28, 2021, AS "HONORING THE NATION'S FIRST RESPONDERS DAY"

Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. COTTON, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. ROSEN, and Mr. PETERS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 433

Whereas first responders include professional and volunteer fire, police, emergency medical technician, and paramedic workers in the United States;

Whereas, according to a 2017 compilation of data on the Emergency Services Sector in the United States by the Department of Homeland Security, "The first responder community comprises an estimated 4.6 million career and volunteer professionals with in five primary disciplines: Law Enforcement, Fire and Rescue Services, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Management, and Public Works";

Whereas first responders deserve to be recognized for their commitment to safety, defense, and honor; and

Whereas October 28, 2021, would be an appropriate day to establish as "Honoring the Nation's First Responders Day": Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of October 28, 2021, as "Honoring the Nation's First Responders Day";

(2) honors and recognizes the contributions of first responders; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to observe Honoring the Nation's First Responders Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of the contributions of first responders in the United States.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 434—DESIGNATING OCTOBER 30, 2021, AS A NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE WORKERS OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. MURRAY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 434

Whereas, since World War II, hundreds of thousands of patriotic men and women, including uranium miners, millers, and haulers and onsite participants at atmospheric nuclear weapons tests, have served the United States by building nuclear weapons for the defense of the United States;

Whereas dedicated workers paid a high price for advancing a nuclear weapons program at the service and for the benefit of the United States, including by developing disabling or fatal illnesses;

Whereas the Senate recognized the contributions, services, and sacrifices that those patriotic men and women made for the defense of the United States in—

(1) Senate Resolution 151, 111th Congress, agreed to May 20, 2009;

(2) Senate Resolution 653, 111th Congress, agreed to September 28, 2010;

(3) Senate Resolution 275, 112th Congress, agreed to September 26, 2011;

(4) Senate Resolution 519, 112th Congress, agreed to August 1, 2012;

(5) Senate Resolution 164, 113th Congress, agreed to September 18, 2013;

(6) Senate Resolution 417, 113th Congress, agreed to July 9, 2014;

(7) Senate Resolution 213, 114th Congress, agreed to September 25, 2015;

(8) Senate Resolution 560, 114th Congress, agreed to November 16, 2016;

(9) Senate Resolution 314, 115th Congress, agreed to October 30, 2017;

(10) Senate Resolution 682, 115th Congress, agreed to October 11, 2018;

(11) Senate Resolution 377, 116th Congress, agreed to October 30, 2019; and

(12) Senate Resolution 741, 116th Congress, agreed to September 30, 2020; and

Whereas those patriotic men and women deserve to be recognized for the contributions, services, and sacrifices they made for the defense of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates October 30, 2021, as a national day of remembrance for the workers of the nuclear weapons program of the United States, including the uranium miners, millers, and haulers and onsite participants at atmospheric nuclear weapons tests; and

(2) encourages the people of the United States to support and participate in appropriate ceremonies, programs, and other activities to commemorate October 30, 2021, as a national day of remembrance for past and present workers of the nuclear weapons program of the United States.

#### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 17—CELEBRATING THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE COALITION OF SIGNATORY COUNTRIES TO THE GENEVA CONSENSUS DECLARATION ON PROMOTING WOMEN'S HEALTH AND STRENGTHENING THE FAMILY

Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. WICKER, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. LEE, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. INHOFE) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. CON. RES. 17

Whereas the United States strongly supports women reaching the highest attainable outcomes for health, life, dignity, and well-being throughout their lives;

Whereas the historic coalition that issued the Geneva Consensus Declaration on Promoting Women's Health and Strengthening the Family (in this preamble referred to as the "Geneva Consensus Declaration") was formed by a diverse group of countries committed to charting a more positive path to advance the health of women, protect the family as foundational to any healthy society, affirm the value of life in all stages of development, and uphold the sovereign right of countries to make their own laws to advance those core values, without external pressure;

Whereas the Geneva Consensus Declaration was signed on October 22, 2020, by 32 countries from every region of the world, representing more than 1,600,000,000 people, which committed to working together on the core pillars enshrined in the Declaration, and 5 countries have subsequently signed;